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In re application of

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Hideo YAMAMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/986,695

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

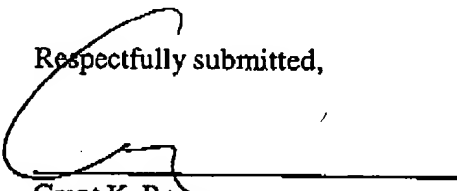
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of August 27, 2003 to December 29, 2003 (December 27, 2003, being a Saturday).

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$110.00 and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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